

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dear parents and carers,

After conversations with parents I feel I should clarify the position regarding school attendance and self-isolation.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Your child cannot return to school until .....
...your child has coronavirus symptom(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must not come to school.</li> <li>You must advise the school of the symptom(s) of your child.</li> <li>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate.</li> <li>Your child must have a test within 24 hours.</li> <li>You must advise the school of the results.</li> <li>You must update the school every 3 days thereafter</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> your child has received a negative test result and you have advised the school of the result, Or <b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 10 days from when your child's symptoms started. (Your child must not return to school before the 10 days have elapsed unless a negative test result has been received).
...your child tests positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must not come to school.</li> <li>You must advise the school of the test outcome as soon as possible.</li> <li>Self-isolate for a further 10 days from test result</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> 10 days (if s/he feels well enough) even if s/he still has a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last even when the virus has gone and the person is no longer infectious.
...somebody in your household has coronavirus symptom(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must not come to school.</li> <li>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate.</li> <li>The household member must have a test within 24 hours</li> <li>You must advise the school of the results.</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> the household member has received a negative test result and you have advised the school of the result, Or <b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic – then please follow the guidance as above.
...somebody in your household has tested positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must not come to school.</li> <li>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic – then please follow the guidance as above.
...NHS have identified any adult in your household as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms/confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You child should still attend school.</li> <li>The adult must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>The adult must not accompany pupils to school.</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> the adult has self-isolated for 14 days, and has not developed symptoms they can return to accompanying pupils to school.
...you have received medical advice that your child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must not come to school.</li> <li>You must provide evidence to school pertaining to the shielding.</li> <li>Once shielding restrictions are lifted/paused, you must inform pastoral staff of the day your child will return to school</li> </ul>	<b>after</b> the shielding restriction has been lifted/paused.

Please note: When a family member tests positive, the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days. When a family member has symptoms the whole household must isolate until a negative test result is received or for 14 days, providing they do not become symptomatic. Absence from school under these circumstances will not count against your child.